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## **MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S NOTES** **BY JERRY ROUILLARD**

### Newsletter Distribution Triples

Before we started mailing *The Placer* to the members of all the organizations that agreed to participate in our Placer County Historical Organizations Committee, we were only mailing out 350 copies of the bi-monthly newsletter. Now we are sending out 1000 copies every two months, and the list keeps getting longer with each issue. This is definitely one of the benefits of getting everyone together through the committee. Communications are improving, and we are able to share more information with more people throughout the County. Now we just need more news from each of your organizations.

### Rocklin Moving on Museum

In April, Rocklin threw a big reception to announce a fund raising kick-off for their planned new museum. It was a pretty impressive event. They had the current Mayor, Peter Hill, and a couple of other Rocklin City Council Persons in attendance. They also had a crowd of at least 200 people to help them celebrate an initial funding match from the Pulte Corporation, builders of the Springfield development in Rocklin. Look for more museum details on page 6.

This Rocklin Museum looks like a very promising project. The organizing committee has been busy and their initial efforts have been productive. In addition to the Pulte funds, they have a commitment of support from the city, and a lot of member enthusiasm was on display at the reception.

Look for this group to follow up with results. They have a good chance of making local history much more visible in a part of the County that really needs to have that happen.

### Cemetery Forms Due in July

Back in January, we sent out forms asking people interested in historic cemeteries to fill in information that would help us locate Placer County's historic cemeteries and put them on a database for future reference. The due date for returning those forms to the Museums Department is July 1<sup>st</sup>, which will come up before most of us are ready for it. Please take a little time to fill one of these forms out if you have one and know of a historic cemetery in your area. If you don't already have a form, call Mary-Jane at (530) 889-6500, and ask her to send you one.

### Special Sesquicentennial Train Trip to Sacramento

The Colfax Area Historical Society is sponsoring a special train from Colfax to Sacramento to celebrate Statehood Day in September. If you are interested in booking a seat for this festive, historic occasion, the cost is only \$14, round trip for adults. Look for additional details and contact on page 6.

### Historical Organizations Committee Meeting

The Placer County Historical Organizations met at the Loomis Library on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bob LaPerriere, from the Historic Cemetery Alliance, and Mary Helmich from the State Department of Parks and Recreation made presentations to the group.

## **PLACER COUNTY MUSEUMS' UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS** **BY DORIS PARKER**

### Forest Hill Divide Museum Opens May 13<sup>th</sup>

This year's seasonal opening of the Forest Hill Divide Museum, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, is being held in conjunction with a Living History Day and Sugar Pine Nature Day, sponsored by the Foresthill Division of the Tahoe National Forest Service.

The event and the museum will be open from 10 AM – 4 PM. More information on the Living History Day is featured on page 5.

The museum's featured temporary exhibit this season is a collection of Family Heirlooms loaned to the museum by the Hartwell Family.

Other continuing temporary exhibits include a display of tools from the Bowman Family and a collection of ladies hats donated by Lois Jackson.

The museum's permanent exhibits include material on geology, Native American culture, the Gold Rush, logging, transportation, early business, home life and recreation. A highlight of the museum is the computer "slide show" of early photographs of the region, created by Museum Docent, Mike Moffet. A Livery Stable and Blacksmith Shop and the old Foresthill Jail are also part of the museum complex.

The Forest Hill Divide Museum, located at 24601 Harrison Street, in the Leroy Botts Memorial Park in Foresthill, is open weekends from Noon – 4 PM through October and by special arrangement. Call the Museums Administrative Office at 530-889-6500 for further information or check out the following web sites: [www.placer.ca.gov/museum/foresthill.htm](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum/foresthill.htm) or [www.mmoffet.newworld.net/museum.htm](http://www.mmoffet.newworld.net/museum.htm).

#### Golden Drift Museum Opens May 27<sup>th</sup>

The Golden Drift Museum's season will begin with an open house on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The museum will be open from Noon – 4 PM and the Open House festivities will be held from 2 – 4 PM.

This season, the museum will feature a new exhibit on the fraternal organizations of the Dutch Flat area. The focus of the exhibit this year is the local Knights of Pythias organization. In future years, this exhibit will highlight other local fraternal and civic groups.



**Masonic and IOOF Halls in Dutch Flat**

The museum provides an overview of the region encompassing Dutch Flat, Gold Run, Alta, Towle, and Baxter. Permanent exhibits explore the area's ties to hydraulic and drift mining, the timber industry, the transcontinental railroad and the diverse pioneers who settled in the area.

The museum is open on Wednesdays and weekends from Noon – 4 PM through Labor Day, and by special arrangement. Call the Museums Administrative Office at 530-889-6500 for further information or check out our web site at [www.placer.ca.gov/museum/golddrift.htm](http://www.placer.ca.gov/museum/golddrift.htm).

#### Placer County Government Week

The week of May 22 – 27 has been designated as Placer County Government Week. During this week, Placer County sponsors events to demonstrate the services available through the county government and commends the volunteers that help the various county agencies meet their goals.

On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony will be held at 9:30 AM in Burbuck Hall, located in the DeWitt Government Center at 11577 E Ave. in Auburn. All county volunteers are invited to this event, and we encourage as many Museums Volunteers as possible to come.

On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, a variety of county departments will present displays of their public services to local school children. Tuesday's tours will be held in the DeWitt Government Center in Auburn and Thursday's event will be held at the Eureka School in Granite Bay. The Department of Museums will be present at both of these events.

During this week, the Board of Supervisors have suspended the normal admission fees at the Bernhard and Gold Country Museums. The museums will be open their normal hours and encourage the local citizens to come in for a visit.

#### Placer County Archives Open House

In conjunction with Placer County Government Week, the Placer County Archives will hold an open house on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

During this time, some of the Archives' most interesting documents will be on display and the Curator of Archives will do presentations on the contents and significance of the County Archives collection.

If you have never visited the Archives, this is an opportunity to learn about this repository of the county's historical records.

#### Taking Your Place in History

Do you love Victorian finery and Eastlake Furniture? You can learn more about Victorian culture and fine antiques at the Department of Museums' Bernhard Museum Docent Training during the month of May. The classes include Victorian Culture and Furnishings on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and Giving Fantastic Tours on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

If the romance and adventure of the Gold Rush intrigues you, come and join the Gold Country Museum Docent Training during the month of June. The classes are Gold Rush and Mining History on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Geology & Mining

Techniques on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and Gold Panning, Gambling and Giving Tours on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

All classes are held on Thursdays from 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Call the Museums Administrative Office at 530-889-6500 for an application or more information.

## **TAKING AMERICA'S PAST INTO THE FUTURE**

National Preservation Week 2000  
**BY DORIS PARKER**

Nationally and locally, the week of May 14 – 20, 2000 has been designated National Historic Preservation Week. This year's Preservation Week theme *Taking America's Past Into the Future* urges us to pause and think about the legacy that was given to us and what we will pass on to future generations.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a key sponsor of Preservation Week, commented, "The millennium is a time to reflect on where we've been and where we're going. This year's theme celebrates that link between past and future challenging us to plan for the issues that will confront us in the years to come...."

So what is being done to preserve the significant parts of America's heritage?

On the national level, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has broadened its scope of activities. As many of you know, the National Trust has assisted in the preservation of many buildings and historic sites over the years. The National Trust also serves in partnership with the White House Millennium Council on the *Save America's Treasures* project. This effort focuses on preserving both significant artifacts and significant buildings.

*Save America's Treasures* offers matching funds for both national and local projects. National projects include an effort to preserve the tents used by George Washington's Army during the Revolutionary War and the preservation of the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write *The Star Spangled Banner*. Closer to home, there are now 20 *Save America's Treasures* official projects in California. One of the closest projects listed is an effort to preserve the historic water-powered iron works, the Knight's Foundry, in Sutter Creek. For a complete list of current projects, check their web site: [www.saveamericastreasures.org](http://www.saveamericastreasures.org).

Also of interest to those who travel is the National Trust affiliate, Historic Hotels of America, who have identified 145 quality hotels that have faithfully maintained their historic architecture and ambience. Currently California has 15 historic hotels listed including Sacramento's Delta King Hotel. For further information, contact Historic Hotels of America, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC 20036 or check with web site: [hha@nthp.org](mailto:hha@nthp.org).

On the state level, the recent passage of Proposition 12 will provide \$10 million to the California Heritage Fund. This money will be available for statewide grants for the "acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and interpretation of historical and archeological resources." The bond act also provides approximately a half billion dollars for investment in state parks, including historic preservation projects.

Locally, Placer County has two new officially designated historical landmarks. Cape Horn in Colfax has been designated as California Historical Landmark 780-9, part of the state series of Transcontinental Railroad landmarks. The Newcastle Fruit Sheds have been designated as a California Point of Historical Interest and listed on the California Register of Historical Resources. Some community preservation projects include: the Colfax Hotel, the Joss House in Auburn, the Community Center in Dutch Flat and the Foresthill Memorial Hall.



Newcastle Fruit Sheds, Circa 1903

## **GEMS FROM THE ARCHIVES** **GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, J. M. HOLMES**

Oscar F. Seavey  
A Pioneer Educator

O. F. Seavey (1847-1915) was a true Renaissance man, educator, orator, poet and county official, who made a major contribution to the development of the educational system in Placer County. His father, Eli Seavey, came to California from Maine in 1853 and settled in the Yankee Jims-Spring Garden area. His future father-in-law, William Patterson, arrived in 1851 settling first at Michigan Bluff and eventually living in Forest Hill.

O. F. Seavey arrived in Placer County in September 1870. He qualified for a county teaching certificate at the next scheduled examination in December 1870. Seavey served as principal of the Forest Hill School for four years prior to his first election as Placer County Superintendent of Schools. He was re-elected to that office off and on for four terms (1877-1887 and 1890-1894) and was instrumental in the establishment of the first Placer County Board of Education in 1880.

Although the bulk of his professional career was devoted to education, Seavey was twice the Democratic Party nominee

for State Senator from Placer and El Dorado counties. His name was placed in nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, but he requested the nomination be withdrawn as he did not want to have to move to Sacramento in the event he was elected. He was also the editor and publisher of the *Placer Herald* newspaper for a period of four years when not teaching or in public office.

Although Seavey moved his family to Auburn from Forest Hill in 1879 to be closer to the county seat, his ties to the Forest Hill Divide area continued through his family and another three year period as principal of the Forest Hill school.

He served as Grand Noble of Covenant Lodge, No. 73, I. O. O. F., in Forest Hill for several terms and was often the main speaker at Fourth of July celebrations in Forest Hill and Auburn.

O. F. Seavey was among the first to advocate the establishment of a high school for Placer County. He taught at Placer High School (1901-1902) and was later the first President of the Placer County High School Board of Trustees. He also taught at Lone Star, Edgewood, and Ackerman schools among others.

At the time of his death in 1915, Seavey was a twice-elected Auditor of Placer County, but never forgot his true calling—education.

## A CALL FOR ARTISTS

The City of Roseville invites artists to participate in the logo development project for the new Maidu Interpretive Center. The center, which is currently under construction, is scheduled to open in the late Fall of 2000. The center will offer exhibits and collections depicting Maidu Indian Life, history and culture, as well as programs, demonstrations and special classes, many of them facilitated by Maidu and other California Indian artists and interpreters.

The Maidu Center's mission is to preserve and protect the collections for present and future generations by creating greater knowledge, awareness, understanding and appreciation in Roseville residents and visitors to the region of the life, history and culture of the Nisenan Maidu, the environments they utilized, their relationship with nature and interaction with other California Indians. The Center will consult, collaborate and cooperate with Maidu and other Native Americans to recognize and affirm their historical and contemporary cultural achievements.

Artists, interested in the logo development project, should mail or fax a brief description or photocopy of one of their artworks along with their name, address, phone number and e-mail address to: City of Roseville, 401 Oak Street, Suite 400, Roseville, CA 95678, Attention: Kris Stevens, Maidu Interpretive Center Supervisor.

The timeline is:

- Call for Artists March 23 – July 7, 2000 at 5:00 PM

- Site Visit (Optional) July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- Review Committee Selects Logo August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Artist notified and \$1,500 award announced August 18<sup>th</sup>

For more information, please contact Kris Stevens, Maidu Interpretive Center Supervisor at 916-774-5242 or e-mail [kstevens@roseville.ca.us](mailto:kstevens@roseville.ca.us).

## THE BAKER'S DOZEN ON DISPLAY

Concurrent with the Feats of Clay XIII exhibition, the Lincoln Arts Gallery presents The Baker's Dozen, a gallery exhibit with works by thirteen former Feats of Clay Artists. This exhibit, which features the works of Bob Benker, Mariam Davis, Jeff Downing, Lawrence Dumas, John Garrett, Anthony Gill, Susannah Isreal, Preston Kamrar, Lee Kavaljian, Marc Lancet, Tommie Moller, L. Luis Ortiz, and Katrina VanMaie, will run from May 8 through June 9, 2000. An exhibit reception will be held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 PM in the gallery.

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The Lincoln Arts Gallery is located at 540 F Street in Lincoln. This exhibit is free to the public. Call the Lincoln Arts at 916-645-9713 for further information.



Photo courtesy of  
Caetlin O'Riordan

## FEATS OF CLAY XIII

The internationally known ceramic exhibit, *Feats of Clay XIII*, opens May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Gladding McBean facility, located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and F Streets in Lincoln. The exhibit will run through May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Docent led tours are hosted Wednesdays – Saturdays from 9 AM – Noon. Reservations are required for these tours.

Open tours are available on Sundays from 9 AM – Noon without advanced reservations.

The Lincoln Clayfest, which includes extended hours for the Feats of Clay exhibit, artisans, demonstrations, entertainment,



food and activities for children, will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Gladding McBean.

For more information or for tickets, please call 916-645-713 or 916-645-6000.

## **FOREST HILL DIVIDE MUSEUM SEASON OPENING & LIVING HISTORY DAY**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Foresthill community will celebrate the season opening of the Forest Hill Divide Museum and Sugar Pine Nature Day with a Living History Day in Leroy Botts Memorial Park from 10AM - 4PM.

The featured activities include a Yankee Jim's Miners Camp with pick'n' & grin'n; Blacksmithing demonstrations by Gene Brill from Coloma State Park; a US Ranger Camp; and an authentic Native American Bark House.

From 11AM-3PM, BBQ Bill's Famous Tri-Tip Sandwiches will be on sale.

Funds raised at this activity will go towards the Foresthill 150th Birthday Celebration Sept 2000.

Other Sugar Pine Nature Day events take place at Sugar Pine Reservoir. Call the Forest Hill Ranger Station at 530-367-2224 for further information on these activities.

## **PREHISTORIC ARTIST IN STONE**

In the spirit of California Archeology Week, the Friends of Sierra Rock Art (FSRA), the Nevada County Arts Council and the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) are sponsoring a series of four presentations and six art exhibits during the month of May.

The four Tuesday evening presentations will include:

- May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM – Rich Nickel, FSRA member, will present slides of rock art sites in Australia;
- May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM – Ellen van Fleet, FSRA member, will present slides on Africa's rock art;
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM – Bill Slater, TNF District Archeologist, and Bill Drake, FSRA member, will give a slide presentation on local Nisenan culture; and
- May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM – Nolan Smith, TNF District Archeologist, and Sunny Green, FSRA member, will present slides on the FSRA's American River projects.

All the presentations will be held at the Helling Library, 980 Helling Way in Nevada City.

The six photograph and art exhibits run from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at the following locations: Donner State Park in Truckee; Harmony Books, 231 Broad Street in Nevada City; Nevada County Library, 980 Helling Way in Nevada City; Odyssey Books, 11989 Sutton Way in Grass Valley; Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote Street in Nevada City; and The TNF Foresthill Ranger Station in Foresthill.

## **CALIFORNIA'S OUTDOOR MUSEUMS**

The Folsom History Museum presents a featured exhibit, entitled, *Historic Cemeteries, California's Outdoor Museums* from March 1 – June 23, 2000. This exhibit is a collaborative effort between the Folsom History Museum and the California Historic Cemetery Alliance to create awareness and stimulate interest in California's Historic Cemeteries.

The Folsom History Museum, located at 823 Sutter Street in historic Folsom is open Wednesday – Sundays from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Call the museum at 916-985-2707 for more information.



## **VICTORIAN FOLSOM UNVEILED**

In conjunction with the Folsom History Museum's featured exhibit on historic cemeteries, a series of guided walking tours of Folsom's Lakeside Cemetery are being offered.

The tours will be held on Saturdays, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeside Cemetery on Forrest Street at 10:00 AM. Participants should meet at the Front Gate Entrance. The tours are free to the public.

## **COLOMAFEST**

ColomaFest, a day of living history and family events will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma.

- 9:00 AM – Monroe Ridge Trail Hike – Docent Angela Jackson will meet participants at the North Beach Parking Lot. The hike will take approximately 2 hours. Bring water and a hat.
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Period demonstrations of crafts and trades including blacksmithing, butter churning, clothes washing, quilting, rope making, and life in a prospector's camp will be performed. There will also be speakers, music, artists and vendors.
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Lickety-Split River Rafting Extravaganza – Leaving from North Beach, this will be a short, inexpensive introduction to the excitement of river rafting.
- 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM 49'er Dinner & Street Dance – The barbecue dinner begins at 4:00 PM and costs \$7.00 per person. The dance begins at 5:00 PM and is free to the public.

ColomaFest is sponsored by the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, the Gold Discovery Park Association and the Coloma-Lotus Association of Merchants.

For further information, please call 530-295-2170.

## CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

The Conference of California Historical Societies annual conference will be held June 15 – 18 in Sacramento and hosted by the Sacramento County Historical Society.

Events include:

- Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Opening banquet – Speakers: Heather Fargo, Sacramento City Councilwoman, Eugene Castillo, Maestro of the Camellia Symphony Orchestra, and John Burns, former State Archives Director
- Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Miner's Breakfast - Speaker: Mary- Ellen Jones, retired Bancroft Library Archivist  
Workshops and State Archives tours  
Banquet – Speaker KD Kurutz, former Curator, Crocker Museum
- Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Day Long History Fair  
CCHS Awards Luncheon  
Sutter's Fort Living History Presentation & Barbecue
- Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Conference Office & Board meeting

For more information contact the Sacramento Historical Society, P.O. Box 475, Folsom, CA 95763.

## CALENDAR THESE EVENTS

**September** will be an exciting month in Placer County! Remember to mark the events listed below on your calendar.

### Colfax Founders Day – September 8 –10

- Fri., Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – School Day with historic demonstrations
- At 6:30 PM – Dinner with speakers JoAnn Levy & Naida West
- Sat, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:25 AM – 7:15 PM – Train to Sacramento for the statehood celebration. Tickets are \$14.00 for adults, \$11.90 for Seniors, and \$7.00 for children 2 – 15. Great Escapes Travel (530-346-2511) will handle all reservations
- All Day – Demonstrations & Living History
- Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> All Day – Demonstrations & Living History
- 12:30 PM - Parade
- 1:30 PM – Plaque Dedications
- 3:00 PM Slide Presentations by Jay Shuttleworth & Ken Yeo on Stevens Trails & early Placer County

For information, please call 530-346-7040.

### Foresthill Gold Miner's Gathering

Join the Foresthill community in celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

- September 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Historic Emigrant Trail Wagon Ride from Robinson Flat to Foresthill
- September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Foresthill Gold Miner's Gathering - Two days of Living History, historic demonstrations, stagecoach rides, melodrama presentations, potato soup cookoff, gold panning championship, and family fun.

For information or to participate in the above events contact the Foresthill Sesquicentennial Committee, P.O. Box 1353, Foresthill, CA 95631.

More information will be available on these events in the next issue of *The Placer*.

## ROCKLIN/ROSEVILLE MURAL TRAVELS BACK TO ROCKLIN BY CAROL PETERSON ROCKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A reduced size photo mural of the original mural painted in 1981 by Roseville artist, Dean Conrad, was presented by the Roseville Museum to the Rocklin Museum at the April meeting of the Rocklin Historical Society by Dean Moore, Curator of the Roseville Museum. The mural depicts movement of homes from Rocklin to Roseville when the railroad switched to the Roseville site in the early 1900's from the Rocklin roundhouse.

Other items are being gathered as the Museum Committee works on plans and funding for the museum in Rocklin to house Rocklin's history.

A Kick-Off Party for the Museum Project was held at Springfield at Whitney Oaks on April 20<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Pulte Corporation, with their goal being to raise \$6,000 by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, please contact the Rocklin Historical Society, P.O. Box 752, Rocklin, CA 95677 or leave a phone message with Gay Morgan at 916-624-2355.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO *THE PLACER* ARE SOUGHT

Want to see your organization's events and items of interest listed in *The Placer*? We would welcome your contributions of upcoming events, organizational news, and short articles on historical topics.

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Please submit all material to Doris Parker at the Placer County Department of Museums. We prefer that you send the information by e-mail or on computer disk, however we will accept written or faxed material. E-mail your material to [dparker@placer.ca.gov](mailto:dparker@placer.ca.gov). Send hard copy to Doris at 101 Maple Street, Auburn, CA 95603. Our fax number is (530) 889-6510. **The deadline for material for the next *The Placer* is June 26, 2000.**

## **PLACER COUNTY MUSEUM GIFT SHOP BY DONNA HOWELL**

*The Census of 1790* is a demographic history of colonial California. Beginning with the soldiers at the Presidio at Monterey in January 1775, it covers mostly Spanish/Mexican residents and details early migration.

*California Place Names of Indian Origin*, and *Plants Used in Basketry by the California Indians* are papers written at the University of California at Berkeley 1917 – 1923. They provide good information.

*The Other Californians* covers prejudice and discrimination under Spain, Mexico and the U.S. The book cites actual government documents.

*William B. Ide, President of California*, by George Kirov, was written in 1935 for the State Senate and details the life of Ide and the California Republic.

*The Rivals William Gwin, David Broderick*, by Arthur Quinn, is a book on politics and a good account of the duel. It begins with Gwin arriving in San Francisco on the ship, Panama. Other passengers on that ship were Jessie Fremont and our own Sam Holliday. Sam is not in the story line, but he has the last quote on the last page.

Some Sesquicentennial items are on sale for 20% off. Members and Docents get another 10% off. The poster of the Courthouse painting has been marked down to \$15.00.

We have entered the computer age with an interactive computer game, *California Gold Rush*. The player begins in Brooklyn, N.Y. and can travel each route: overland, across Panama or around Cape Horn. In California, they visit Sutter's Fort, Coloma and a gold mine. A map is included with a book of instructions. This game may be of interest to the schools.

## **PLACER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY GEORGE LAY**

The Placer County Historical Society Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2000 are:

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## **PLACER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER MEETING BY ADDAH OWENS**

**WHEN:** June 1, 2000

**TIME:** 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Program

**WHERE:** Veteran's Memorial Hall, 100 East Street, Auburn, California

**COST:** \$10.00

**MENU:** Tri-Tip Barbecue Dinner

**MAIL CHECK TO:** PCHS, c/o Betty Samson, 8780 Baxter Grade Road, Auburn

## **PROGRAM**

The discovery in 1896 of a rich gold deposit in the Bonanza Creek, a headwater of the Klondike River led to the Klondike gold rush.

Gene Markley, the author of four books on the Sierra Nevada, is a long time expeditioner and has explored mountain ranges throughout the world.

He will take us on a historical trip following in the footsteps of the 98er's, and also show slides of his own expedition over Chilcoot Pass.

## **DUES ARE DUE FOR THE PLACER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Individual membership is \$10.00, Family membership is \$15.00 and a Life Membership is \$200.00. You will have until July 1, 2000 to renew your membership before you will be dropped from the PCHS membership rolls. Make your check payable to PCHS and mail to PCHS, P.O. Box 5643, Auburn, CA 95604. The new membership chairman is Barbara Burdick.

## **WELCOME NEW PCHS MEMBERS BY BARBARA BURDICK**

The Placer County Historical Society gives a warm welcome to the following new members: Ralph & Claudia Duncan, Ed & Nilda Duffek, Earl & Myrna Eberline, Sue Galvez, Elaine Gannett, Steve & Catherine Hunter, Richard Johnson, Audrey Meyers, Marian Rossi, Lorraine Simpson, and Debbie Wickwire.